14,514 kms. of which 286 kms. fall within the State of Gujarat.

(b) According to the report of IWT Committee (1970) the estimates of the capital cost per km in the case of railway (B.G.) is Rs. 8 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs in case of road (Nil. Single Lane) Rs. 1.5 lakhs to Rs. 4.5 lakhs and in the case of waterway—Rs. 1.25 lakhs to Rs. 2.00 lakhs.

(c) Government have already recognised the importance for development of inland water transport in the country particularly in those regions where it has natural advantages. The Plan allocations for development of inland water transport have, therefore, been enhanced substantially from the 6th Plan onward as compared to the earlier Plan periods.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The schemes included in the State Plan for development of Inland Water Transport in Gujarat include setting up of a hydrographic survey unit, development of terminal facilities and provision of interest subsidy to operators for purchase of inland craft. The amount provided is Rs. 650 lakhs in 7th Plan period. The State Government have reported that during 1985-86 and 1986-87, they have incurred an expenditure sf Rs. 9 lakhs on these schemes.

(f) and (g) No, Sir.

Progress of "Operation Black Board"

261. SHRI (CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since evaluated the progress of 'Operation Black Beard' for the year 1987-88; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) So far Central assistance amounting to Rs, 6540.85 lakhs for appointment of 20260 teachers and for provision of teaching learning equipment in 71074 primary schools in 890 blocks/municipal areas in 16 States AIT Administrations in the country has been sanctioned by the State Level Empowered Committees. Quaterly progress reports are expected from tJie State Governmnts for monitoring the progress of implementation of the scheme.

Railway Train as Museum

262. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have any proposal under its consideration for converting the railway train which was used by Rabindra Nath Tagore in his last journey into a museum; and

(b) if so, what steps have since been taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. A decision was however taken to donate a single coach in which Gurudev made his last journey to be kept as an exhibit at Bolpur.

(b) The coach has been done up. A shed for housing the saloon at Bolpur has been constructed.

Vishwabharati University

263. SHRI CHITTA BASU Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the cripling financial crisis of the Vishwabharati University; and

(b) if so, whether any steps have since been taken to resolve the crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI); (a) No, Sir. The University is not facing any financial crisis.

(b) Does not arise.

Separate authority for Metro Railway in Calcutta

264. SHRI CHITA BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a separate Authority for the management and maintenance of the Metro Railway in Calcutta;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any action has been taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A proposal to set up an autonomous Authority for operation and maintenance of Calcutta Metro Railways is under examination.

(b) (i) Operation of an intra-urban trapnsortation system, like the Cal cutta Metro Railway, is different from the normal Railway functions.

(ii) In the interest of efficiency, all modes of city transport should function in an integrated manner, under a single transport authority. Setting up of Calcutta Metro Railway Authority would be a step in that direction.

(c) Legal and financial implications involved in the setting up of the Authority are under examination.

Construction of new railway linebetween Nangal to Talwara Townin Punjab

265. SHRI ROSHAN LAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state-.

(a) what is the progress regarding construction work of new railway line between Nangal to Talwara Town in Punjab; and

(b) what are the details of funds allotted by Government for the construction of said railway line during the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-37?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 9.5 per cent.

(b) Funds finally spent/allotted for this line in 1984-85, 1985-86 & 1986-87 were Rs. 190 lakhs, Rs. 50 lakhs and Rs. 260 lakhs respectively.

दिल्ली परिवहन निगम में लगातार हो रहा घाटा

266. **श्री अजीत सिंह :**

श्री रशीद मसूद :

श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :

क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली परिवहन निगम में गत कई वर्षों से घाटे की राशि निरन्तर बढ़ती जा रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान घाटे की राशि का वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है और चालू वर्ष के छः महीनों के दौरान यह राशि अनुमानतः कितनी है; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि उन वर्षों के दौरान यात्री किराए में भी बढ़ोत्तरी हुई है, यदि हां, तो कब और उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): (क) और (ख) दिल्ली परिवहन निगम का पिछले तीन वर्षों (1984–85, 1985–86 और